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OAU PERMANENT OBSERVER OUATTARA TOLD MISOFF OCT 8 THAT, DESPITE RUMBLINGS OF DISAGREEMENT FROM SEVERAL OAU MEMBER REPS, INCLUDING TANZANIA, TO EFFECT THAT THEY WERE NOT CONSULTED, OAU POSITION ON SPANISH SAHARA IS THAT ENUNCIATED BY OAU ADMINISTRATIVE SYG ETEKI, IN FOURTH COMMITTEE, OCTOBER 1, FOLLOWING WAS TEXT OF SUMMARY RECORD OF THAT PORTION OF ETEKI'S STATEMENT CONCERNING SPANISH SAHARA.

TURNING TO THE PROBLEM OF SO-CALLED SPANISH SAHARA, HE SAID THAT IT WAS NOT EASY FOR HIM TO ADDRESS HIMSELF TO THAT QUESTION, GIVEN THE PASSIONATE FEELINGS WHICH IT AROUSED. IN HIS OPINION, HOWEVER, NO ONE COULD DISPUTE THAT THE QUESTION WAS PRIMARILY ONE OF DECOLONIZATION AND THAT CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THE SCRUPULOUR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF
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AFRICAN UNITY. IN THAT CONNEXION, HE FELT THAT THE POSSIBLE

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ORGANIZATION OF A REFERENDUM COULD NOT BE LEFT TO THE SPANISH
AUTHORITIES, WHICH WOULD BE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO BRING ABOUT
A NEO-COLONIAL SITUATION WHILE PROCLAIMING DECOLONIZATION.
THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY
SHOULD BE CALLED UPON TO SUPERVISE A REFERENDUM WHICH WOULD
BRING TOGETHER ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE TERRITORY WHO
HAD MOVED TO NEIGHBOURING AFRICAN COUNTRIES.
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